

Rules of the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine
Governing the Diagnosis of Pregnancy of Cattle and Other Livestock

100. A regulation to require that any dealer who purchases, deals in or sells livestock, or who acts as commission representative or broker, or who operates and conducts an auction where livestock are sold, use only a veterinarian licensed in the State of Mississippi to diagnose pregnancy in cattle or other livestock.
101. By virtue of the authority granted the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine under the provisions of the State Laws governing Board of Veterinary Medicine, as established by the Mississippi Veterinary Practice Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 73-39-1, et seq., and particularly § 73-39-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, the following regulation is adopted governing the diagnosis of pregnancy of cattle and other livestock by livestock dealers.
102. The diagnosing of pregnancy in cattle and other livestock clearly constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine and, thus, may only be performed by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Mississippi.
103. The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
 1. “Dealer” or “Livestock Dealer” means any person or agent who buys, sells or offers to sell, exchange, barter or negotiate the sale of livestock in this state.
 2. “Dealer” or “Livestock Dealer” does not mean:
 - a. a person who offers to sell or trade livestock which he has produced and raised;
 - b. a person who offers for sale or trade livestock which he has owned or had in his possession for a period of ninety (90) days or longer and is not engaged in the business of buying, selling, trading or negotiating the transfer of livestock;
 - c. a person who purchases livestock for breeding purposes and retains them in his possession for ninety (90) days or longer;
 - d. a person engaged in the business of buying and slaughtering livestock for food and in marketing the meat products therefrom, provided that all animals purchased are slaughtered.
 3. “Person” means an individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity.

4. “Livestock” means all hoofed animals raised or maintained in captivity for the production of meat or other products, for sport, or exhibition.
104. All persons doing business as a dealer or livestock dealer who diagnose pregnancy in cattle and other livestock in connection with the buying and selling, trading or negotiating the transfer of cattle and other livestock are required to use only a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi